

## Message Text

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P R 041024Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3434  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, UK  
SUBJECT: OBSERVER REPORTER DETAINED

REFERENCE: (A) LONDON 7156; (B) STATE 100274

1. FOR SECSTATE: WE SENT FOLLOWING CABLE (REFTEL A)  
MAY 2 TO KINSHASA, LUSAKA AND LUBUMBASHI.  
BEGIN TEXT: COLIN LEGUM OF LONDON'S OBSERVER NEWSPAPER  
CALLED US TODAY TO PASS ON WORD THAT HIS COLLEAGUE,  
COLIN SMITH, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DETAINED BY FAZ FORCES  
IN KOLWEZI AFTER CROSSING INTO ZAIRE FROM ZAMBIA LAST  
WEDNESDAY. OBSERVER STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE ON SMITH'S WELFARE. FCO IS ALSO  
PURSUING REPORT, BUT LEGUM THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE ACCESS  
TO MORE INFORMATION. END TEXT

2. SMITH APPARENTLY CROSSED INTO ZAIRE ON ROAD LEADING  
TO MUTSHATSHA. HE WAS IN LAND ROVER AND ACCOMPANIED BY A  
SPANISH FILM CREW.

3. NEITHER THE OBSERVER STAFF NOR THE FCO HAS ANY  
FURTHER INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT.

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## Message Attributes

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